

Wisconsin Immunization Program Update

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Influenza Vaccine Prioritization Plan:

The 2006-2007 Influenza Vaccine Prioritization Plan is being mailed to a broad range of physician specialties. Electronic copies will also be sent to pharmacists that provide immunizations, infection control practitioners, long term care facilities and home care agencies and other similar agencies that conduct mass influenza vaccine clinics. Included in the mailing you will find the 2006-2007 Influenza Vaccination Pocket Information Guide courtesy of the Immunization Action Coalition. We have a limited amount of these pocket guides available if you would like additional copies. Included in this e-mail but not in the mailing is a Prevention and Control of Influenza in Long Term Care Facilities Algorithm developed by Tom Haupt. Please feel free to distribute all of this information widely.

Influenza Vaccine Shipments:

We have been informed by representatives of sanofi pasteur, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Novartis (formerly Chiron) that all have begun shipping influenza vaccine. Sanofi pasteur has given us the following timeline for shipment.

September 10%
October 40%
November 40%
December 10%

Orders ≤ 300 doses will receive all doses in one shipment. Orders of >300 will receive their orders in 3-4 partial shipments. Early shipments were limited to orders of ≤ 300 doses.

GSK and Novartis were unable to give clear timetables however, GSK expects all vaccine to be shipped by the end of October.

The Immunization Program has not yet received influenza vaccine for distribution to users of state supplied vaccine. We are awaiting word as to when to expect the influenza vaccine to arrive.

Policies and Procedures Update:

We have sent local health departments updates to the Immunization Program Policies and Procedures. The updates include the announcement of the availability of the new rotavirus vaccine and second dose varicella vaccine. Please note that the administration of both of these vaccines will be for all children included in the vaccine recommendations. Please also note that we have expanded to use of hepatitis A vaccine for all children at one year of age. This is a departure from our original stance where we were only making the vaccine available to VFC eligible children. Because of a change in the 317 Public Health Act funding mechanism we estimate that we have sufficient funding where local health departments can provide these vaccines to non-VFC eligible children as well as VFC eligible children.